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Enclosed is a copy of the cited document, US patent 6,223,802. In part this document discloses a pull cord arrangement for an architectural covering. Repetitive downward

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pulling and releasing of the pull cord 46, Fig. 12, operates drive assembly 42, Fig. 16, to intermittently retract/open the cover 22. Pulling the cord 46 to the left, Fig. 11, releases brake assembly 44, Fig. 17, and allows gravity to extend/close the cover, at a speed which is controlled by governor 54.

The comments included here, including representative reference numerals and figures, are believed accurate and are offered as an initial aid to the Examiner. Our discussion, however, is not intended to take the place of the Examiner's complete consideration of each listed document. The Examiner is requested to independently consider each document to determine and to the full extent that it may be material to the present application.

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